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Ent Road utility construction project nears end

by Ken Smith
66th Civil Engineer Squadron

The Ent Road utility construction projects are on schedule with nearly all installation of the new water system completed.

All residents have been connected to the new system and only cleanup work remains.

As part of the cleanup effort, the contractor has begun spreading loam on the excavation areas in front yards and courtyard areas and will follow that with hydroseeding.

Summertime is not the ideal time to plant grass, but with proper watering it will grow.

Residents are asked to do what they can to help establish the new grass.

The next portion of the utility construction will be to install conduits, manholes, street light bases and other structures for the next

phase of the housing "Pole Away" project, the effort to relocate overhead utility wires underground.

To install the main conduit run, the contractor will be trenching on the opposite side of the street from the water installation.

This effort has been divided into two pieces and work has already begun on the first piece, which runs from Patterson Road to Heritage Road.

It is scheduled to be complete by the middle of August.

The remaining portion, which should be complete by the end of October, picks up at Heritage and runs to the end of Ent Road and will begin once the first piece is complete.

Once all work is finished, Ent Road will be overlaid in its entirety.

For information concerning the construction on Ent Road, call 377-3525.



Marco A. Da Costa, Roads Construction, fills in a groove with dirt after a day of construction on Ent Road. All Ent Road residents have been connected to a new water system with cleanup work remaining.

photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Lewis

Congratulations

Air Force gives 71 Hanscom airmen line numbers for promotion to staff sergeant

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Lewis
ESC Public Affairs

Hanscom is now home to 71 new staff sergeant selectees.

The Air Force released its list of promotees Wednesday.

According to a recent news release the Air Force selected 19,605 of 38,654 eligible senior airman for promotion to staff sergeant.

This represents an overall 51 percent selection rate for the 00E5 cycle for an all-time record setting percentage.

The complete list of selectees is available on the Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web Home Page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>, by the end of today.

"Year 2000 promotion promises more of the same good news we had in 1999," said officials at the Air Force Personnel Center. "Vacancies within each grade drive those promotions and as long as the vacancies exist, we will continue promoting our best qualified to the next higher rank." As evidenced by the higher rates, tremendous opportunity for advancement exists in today's Air Force for those willing to put forth that extra effort on the job and prepar-

ing for promotion tests.

"The increased promotion rates seen in the last few years are a result of the return to stable force structure and end-strength levels following years of drawdown," added Center officials.

In addition, Air Staff force structure officials stated the primary reason for increased promotion rates is our transition to a higher percentage of "Top five" NCOs previously at 45 percent of the enlisted force, now at 52 percent and headed to 56 percent.

Continued retention challenges in the midst of a booming economy and thriving civilian job market also played a role in the greater number of vacancies.

According to the release, people who tested are expected to receive their score notices in late July, allowing them to see just how they stacked up against their counterparts.

These score notices allow members to know how their promotion fitness examination and skills knowledge test scores rank against those they're directly competing against for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

According to the release the average selectee score for the staff sergeant test cycle was 266.48 points based on the following:

- 130.12 Enlisted Performance Reports
- 49.48 Promotion Fitness Exam
- 54.39 Specialty Knowledge Test
- 22.08 Time in Grade
- 13.13 Time in Service
- 1.21 Decorations

The average selectee has 2.63 years time in grade and 4.51 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September 2000 to August 2001.

The following Electronic Systems Center senior airmen were selected for promotion to staff sergeant:

- ESC/BA: Eric Baroni, Timothy Blake, David Dell, Jeffrey Hoyer, Kenneth Maurais and Jeffrey Saunders.
- ESC/DI: Darrin White.
- ESC/FM: Bonny Alexander, James Machado and Natalie Tabois.
- ESC/JS: Eddie Brown.
- ESC/SR: Tia Beamon.
- 66 SVS: Jason Brandy, Derek Harris and Delreese Meeks.
- 66 LGS: Melissa Biggar, Jeffrey Gill, Jeffrey Rivera and Jennifer Wenzel.
- 66 SPTG: Milagros Lebron.
- 66 ABW/XP: Joann McMillen and Mitchell Schwartz.
- 66 ABW/JA: Stephen Cooney.

- 66 ABW/FM: Anthony Pence.
- 66 MED OPS: David Baskin, Kathie Corbin, Sharon Harris, Terrence Jaimungal, Marcos Perez, Ragan Ryals and Randall Smith.
- 66 MED SPT: Caleb Gibson.
- 66 MSS: Jennifer Caldwell and Mary Siperek
- 66 CES: Mark Adams, Matthew Baon, Jeffrey Buel, Timothy Bulger, Derrick Cossingham, John Davis, Stuart Davis, Daniel Green and Jeffrey Ryals.
- 66 SFS: Marc Marchand, Martin Ratkowski, Maurice Robinson and Robert Sergeant.
- 313 RS: Christopher Berry, Deborah Ward, Marc Digiore and James Johnson.
- 319 RS: Samuel Micheletti, David Wooldridge and Vincent Blancato.
- 20 ASOS: Ryan Burchfield, Charlie Flores, Christa Griffin and William Otter.
- AFRL: Melissa Jadwinski, Rachapreuk Schmidt and Lovelle Seymore.
- 6 SWS: Michael Amtower, Michael Fuentes, Brett Lane, Brin Mayhew, William Nolen and Charles Prater.
- DET 535: Betty Leonard.
- DFAS/ME: Charity Rozowski, Douglas Wilcott and Robert Young.

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Straight Talk provides two-way communication between the 66th Air Base Wing commander and people on base.

A 24 hour-a-day telephone line and E-mail account (Hanscom STRAIGHT TALK) are set up as ways for Hanscom's population to submit questions, complaints or comments, anonymously, if desired. All concerns are personally reviewed by the wing commander.

However, the quickest and most efficient way to communicate comments or complaints is to go right to the source. To assist you, we've listed points of contact and telephone numbers for several key support organizations.

Also, don't forget your supervisor, commander or first sergeant. They're there to help you.

If you are not satisfied with the



Col. Danny K. Gardner
66th Air Base Wing commander

response you receive, or are unable to solve the problem, please call the Straight Talk hot line at 377-3732.

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Commentary

Travel Company

Comment: Back in November I put in a suggestion with the help desk to have The Travel Company web page linked to the Centernet.

Although it has taken a long time, the Travel Company is now linked up and I'd like to see some mention of it in the *Hansconian* so everyone is aware of it.

Response: We are happy to announce that we've finally been able to accomplish your suggestion.

After passing a detailed and rigorous check to ensure all informational assurance criteria were satisfied, travelers can now make reservations directly from the ESC Centernet instead of starting a web browser and then accessing the company's homepage.

Housing Office

Comment: I'm PCSing into Hanscom from overseas. I have some praises and some problems.

I'll start with the praises.

The Family Support Center is the best I've ever encountered. The dedication to their customers is commendable and their resources are fantastic.

However, the Housing Office is terrible. On the rare occasion when I have found them open, they have been dismissive, unhelpful and even rude.

Response: Thank you for your compliments of the Family Support Center. We agree we have an outstanding Family Support Center here at Hanscom.

As to your other issue, there is no excuse for rudeness and we apologize if your Housing Office experience did not meet your standards for courtesy.

The Housing Office staff members have received customer service training from the Air Force Institute of Technology and we are well aware of what constitutes acceptable service.

On some occasions, customers interpret the Housing Office's desire to provide factual information as poor customer service; especially when a house is not available or the wait to move into a house is longer than anticipated.

Nevertheless, we will work to improve our presentation of unwelcome information.

The Housing Office is open to "walk-in" customers Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Housing Intro Briefing is also conducted daily at 2 p.m. in order to discuss the housing situation with all new arrivals.

If desired, after attending the briefing, customers may schedule an appointment to discuss their personal housing issues with a housing management assistant.

Command logs zero fatalities halfway through 101 Critical Days of Summer

by Staff Sgt. Carl Norman
Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio — Zero fatalities is what Air Force Materiel Command members have logged halfway through the 101 Critical Days of Summer, and command safety officials encourage people to keep the trend going.

People taking time to use risk management techniques, thinking about what might happen in any given situation and supervisors getting involved in that process are what's driving AFMC's safety train, according to John Russell, AFMC ground safety chief.

"Exercising personal risk management in everything we do, on and off duty, is the key to enjoying safe activities," Mr. Russell said. "If we soundly apply the six steps of risk management, we can be reasonably assured there will be no surprises."

The six steps Mr. Russell referred to are: Identifying hazards associated with a particular activity; assessing the impact each hazard has in relation to potential loss and severity; determining controls necessary to reduce or eliminate the hazards; making decisions as to accepting, avoiding or controlling the risk; following through to make sure appropriate controls are used; and monitoring the situation and adjusting as

necessary to keep things under control.

Take driving a vehicle for example. Using risk management techniques an individual would first consider the hazards such as weather and road conditions, traffic, impaired drivers, wildlife in the area and any unseen situations. After assessing the risk and analyzing the control measures, that individual might want to check the weather and drive accordingly; listen to local radio stations for road conditions; and travel outside peak-travel times.

Mr. Russell also suggests keeping road rage caged; don't drink and drive; being ready for wildlife at all times, animals can dart in front of a vehicle at any time; driving defensively and being cautious on unfamiliar roads. Checking into alternate methods of traveling and taking spare parts and tools on extended trips can help travelers be prepared for the unexpected.

If current trends continue, AFMC is on the road to its second zero-fatality year, according to Mr. Russell. The last AFMC fatalities were recorded in 1998 when two people drowned. The year before that, two individuals perished in private motor vehicle accidents.

Although AFMC is fairing well in the safety war, the Air Force as a whole isn't doing so well. Air Force safety officials said the service has experienced

10 fatalities.

Of those, six involved four-wheel private motor vehicles, three involved motorcycles and one was a parachutist.

Four of the POV deaths and one of the motorcycle deaths were passengers. Two of the POV deaths were not wearing seat belts, and the motorcycle passenger wasn't wearing a helmet.

"We continue to lose precious Air Force members because they fail to follow the law and commonly accepted safety practices," Air Force safety officials said in a message to field units. "We continue to see the same scenarios reappearing - lack of attention, thereby ending up in a head-on collision with on-coming traffic, loss of control due to high speed and failing to yield."

Everyone, including supervisors and managers, needs to continue strong interaction with their co-workers and encourage each other to emphasize safety through the remaining 101 Critical Days of Summer, Mr. Russell said.

"This is the time of year where more activities are happening and therefore the risk of mishaps happening increase," he said. "With increased awareness and people taking the time to think about what might happen in any given situation, we can continue minimizing our mishaps and fatalities and bring our people back home safely."



photo by Tech. Sgt. Scott Lewis

Keeping it cool ...

Brendan Lynch, Page Electrical Corporation, installs a new thermostat as part of Hanscom's partnership with Xenergy Inc. to upgrade both electrical and water fixtures in base housing for greater efficiency. Xenergy, an energy savings company, will be upgrading ceiling and wall mounted light fixtures, thermostats, faucet aerators and showerheads in all housing units.

Dorm Pride Day to be held July 29

by Erin Coyne
ESC Public Affairs

Dorm residents will set aside a day to give their home a facelift for Hanscom's second Dorm Pride Day July 29.

"The event is mandatory for dorm residents and highly encouraged for supervisors, commanders and other volunteers who wish to contribute their time and effort to improving the appearance and quality of life of the dorms," said Electronic Systems Center's Command Chief Master Sgt. Frank W. Holmes Jr.

In addition to the general cleanup and landscaping, some of the special projects include building gazebos, barbeque pits, and planting trees, bushes and flowers around the dormitories.

The project will run from 7:30 a.m. to around 1 or 2 p.m. and will be followed by a picnic of hotdogs, hamburgers and soda for all those who participate.

"It is a great opportunity to bring commanders, supervisors and dorm residents together to socialize as well as see the facility first-hand and what needs to be improved. The event develops camaraderie and teamwork while getting the dorms fixed up.

"I hope to see supervisors, at all levels, participate to show their support to the dorm residents,"

said Chief Holmes.

According to Chief Holmes, the idea to hold a Dorm Pride Day came from the Standard Systems Group at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

"It was a huge success there and everyone spoke highly of it," said Chief Holmes. He felt that it would greatly benefit those living in the dorms at Hanscom.

"The goal of Dorm Pride Day is to encourage the residents to improve the appearance of the dorms, inside and outside, as well as place ownership and pride in their homes, like any homeowner would," said Chief Holmes.

Tech. Sgt. John Raynes, superintendent of dorms added, "The purpose is also to instill into the residents a process of accountability and responsibility.

"If dorm residents don't enjoy coming home then it affects the mission, therefore it is important to ensure that the dorms are user-friendly and overall a nice place to live," said Sergeant Raynes.

"The success of the event depends upon the participation of dorm residents and volunteers. The more people who work together, the more that will be accomplished and the better the dorms will look," said Sergeant Raynes.

For information on Dorm Pride Day, contact Sergeant Raynes at 377-2620.

Hanscom to hold bed race

by Areece Peak
ESC Public Affairs

Hanscom will hold its first bed race Aug. 17 to coincide with the base Sports Challenge Day.

Although the time and place of the event has not yet been determined, applications are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is August 8.

This is an effort to build camaraderie, promote fitness as well as fun for Team Hanscom, according to Electronic Systems Center Command Chief Master Sergeant Frank W. Holmes, Jr.

Each base organization is encouraged to participate in the event to build unit cohesion, said Chief Holmes.

The criteria for the bed-decorating contest will be based on uniqueness, innovative ideas and the fashion in which the bed is designed and decorated.

Team uniforms will also weigh in for the judging.

The objective of the event is to construct a race cart, utilizing a mattress, bed frame and four wheels, which will be pushed by four people and one bed rider across a finish line.

The first bed to cross the finish line will be declared the winner.

Prior to the race, officials will inspect each bed for safety such as sharp, protruding dangerous objects.

In order to participate in the event, a fee of \$10 and a completed application must be submitted to the ESC Command Chief Master Sergeant's Office.

Proceeds will go toward Hanscom's Quality of Life program, according to Chief Holmes.

If you have any questions concerning the event, contact Chief Holmes at 377-5115.

Volunteers support Enlisted Club with project

By Erin Coyne
ESC Public Affairs

In an effort to support the club system while building teamwork and ownership, a group of Hanscom volunteers are presently working on a self-help project to build a new bar in the Enlisted Club.

The project team, lead by Electronic Systems Center's Command Chief Master Sgt. Frank W. Holmes Jr., consists of 75 enlisted volunteers who work on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays for as many as 11 hours a week.

"As the senior enlisted person on base, I feel that I have a responsibility to be a leader in supporting our club system. It's very important to do so because if we don't support the club, we could lose it.

"Estimates show that the project could've cost as much as \$180,000 to build, not including new equipment. With volunteers working hard, the project will

cost us less than \$50,000, which will include all new equipment and a facelift on the lounge" said Chief Holmes.

It is primarily an enlisted project, but officers are helping and they can contribute their time and help to complete the project.

When asked about how he got involved in the project, Lt. Col. Bill Shelton, Electronic Systems Center's executive officer for the commander, commented, "I first heard about the project from Chief Holmes in a staff meeting. I thought it sounded like a great opportunity to meet new folks and work together to foster the Officer and Enlisted interaction.

"I think the project has two objectives. One, to have people come together to work on a project in which they feel a part of and, two, to improve the Enlisted Club. Folks who don't volunteer are missing out on a great opportunity to meet new people and be a part of a fabulous project," said Colonel Shelton.

"I highly encourage everyone

to volunteer. You can learn some woodworking skills from Chief Holmes while you are at it," Colonel Shelton said with a smile.

"Enlisted members are bringing some of the tradition back into the club," said Chief Holmes.

"One of the old traditions was that anyone who wore a hat into the bar would owe the bar a round of drinks," said Chief Holmes. "We want to bring back some fun to the club."

According to Chief Holmes, the project is scheduled for completion in mid August, with a ribbon cutting to kick off the new addition to the club.

"The new bar will be dedicated to the Enlisted men and women who have served and continue to serve the Air Force," said Chief Holmes.

"We continue to look for folks to come out and help. If you are interested, please call my office at 377-5115," said Chief Holmes.

EQUAL list releases Aug. 8

Randolph AFB, Texas — The newest Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing of available enlisted assignments overseas arrives at military personnel flights and on the Air Force Personnel Center's World Wide Web home page Aug. 8.

This list includes assignments for overseas jobs opening during the April through June 2001 time frame.

Personnel officials recommend that assignment preferences be updated by Aug. 18 to ensure the information is in the computer system before actual assignments are released on or about Sept. 4.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements, by Air Force Specialty Code and rank, and gives people a chance to update their assignment preferences to match vacancies that need filling in a particular cycle. Members should review, prioritize and list specifically those assignment options available to them on EQUAL.

People can also access the list on the AFPC home page at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

Enlisted force to participate in call

Hanscom's enlisted force will once again participate in enlisted calls Monday through July 28 at the Enlisted Club Ballroom.

The quarterly calls provide open forums, which allow enlisted members a chance to address concerns and make comments to Electronic Systems Center's Command Chief Master Sgt. Frank W. Holmes Jr.

The calls will be divided into three groups according to rank.

Airman basics through senior airmen will meet Monday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., staff sergeants and technical sergeants July 28 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and master sergeants through chief master sergeants Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m.

Security Forces Desk Blotter

by Staff Sgt. Thomas Comber
66th Security Forces Squadron

The Police Corner is a synopsis of significant activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received from July 6 to 12.

Reports and Incidents

- ❑ Security Forces responded to an incident at the base bowling alley for suspicious activity of a person drinking beer in the bathroom. The individual was contacted and transported off the installation.
- ❑ Security Forces assisted the Lincoln Police Department on information regarding a stolen vehicle. No suspects were found.
- ❑ Security Forces assisted in three minor vehicle accidents.
- ❑ Security Forces detained an individual for suspicious activity around the area of the Base Exchange. Further investigation revealed the individual had a medical disorder.
- ❑ Security Forces responded to an incident involving nuisance phone calls. The suspect was contacted and ordered to stop calling the complainant.
- ❑ Security Forces responded to an incident involving a person making suicidal gestures. Individual was transported to an off base hospital for further evaluation.
- ❑ Security Forces responded to an incident of an unknown person entering a home in the FamCamp. When discovered, the individual fled.
- ❑ Security Forces assisted medically with an incident involving an individual who had fallen at the Officers' Club.
- ❑ Security Forces assisted the Bedford Police Department in the issuance of a warrant to an individual on base.
- ❑ Security Forces responded to base housing and apprehended six juveniles for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Moving violation citations issued: 15

Lockouts assisted: 2

Tip of the Week: With school out, be alert for children playing or crossing the street in recreational and housing areas.

Big friends needed for Hanscom

by Carolyn Quinn
ESC Public Affairs

Do you have any extra time to give to a child? Hanscom's Big Friend Program is a great way to do it.

The need for this program was identified at the Community Action and Information Board and has been a collaboration between Hanscom's schools and the Family Support Center.

The program has been running for 15 years and has helped over 100 children. It works by matching up adult volunteers with students from Hanscom Primary and Middle Schools ranging in age from 5 to 14.

Even with a successful program, there are always children waiting to be matched up with a Big Friend.

Big and Little Friends meet once a week for one to three hours at a time. The time is spent doing activities that are fun and of interest for both friends.

Some are done here on base while others are done off base.

Typical activities include helping with homework, going bowling, watching a movie, taking a trip to a museum or even going to the aquarium.

"Being able to take time out of life to make a child feel special, to be a star for the day" is why Donna Tosi decided to become a Big Friend.

Toddy Iozzo, the 1999 Volunteer Excellence Award winner, decided to take part in the program because of the enjoyment she finds in children. "Instead of people just wandering around because they have nothing to do, it would be so much more enjoyable spending that time with a child."

Big Friend volunteers can be male or female, active-duty or civilian employees.

A Big Friend is given the opportunity to serve as a positive role model to a Little Friend and is looked up to for friendship, support and guidance. Seeing the difference that one person can make by touching another's life is just one of the benefits of being a Big Friend.

Little Friends are not the only ones who benefit from this program. According to Mrs. Tosi "the adults feel as special and fulfilled as the children".

For information on the Big Friends Program, call Dawn Andreucci at the Family Support Center at 377-4222.



photo by Linda LaBonte Britt

Members of the Patriot Honor Guard pay respect to the flag.

Patriot Honor Guard seeks volunteers

by Areece Peak
ESC Public Affairs

Hanscom's Patriot Honor Guard is seeking military personnel to volunteer for ceremonies throughout the New England area.

Due to increased requests over the years for firing squads, color team cordons and flag folding details, the Patriot Honor Guard is hoping it can recruit new members into its program, according to 2nd Lt. John Cancellera, honor guard member and contracting officer.

The honor guard has roughly 35 active-duty people, both enlisted and officer.

Members of the guard come from various Air Force occupations to volunteer.

"Since joining the Patriot Honor Guard I've met airmen, officer and enlisted, that work very hard on their career fields, attend classes, have part-time jobs, families and still care enough to render honors to our fallen heroes. 'Larger

workload, smaller forces' -everyone understands this, especially at Hanscom. Apparently the airmen of the Patriot Honor Guard decided that concept wasn't going to deter them from honoring their fellow airmen," said 2nd Lt. Jose Corella, Delay and Denial Systems program manager for the Force Protection System Program Office.

No experience is needed to join this organization. However, persons who have experience or have participated in ceremonial details are encouraged to join.

Honor guard members perform a variety of ceremonies. Rendering honors at funerals and presenting arms at Red Sox games are some of the highlights of being a member.

Some of the benefits of the program are free dry cleaning, free uniforms and traveling expenses.

For information, contact the honor guard office at 377-4850.

Next training day set for Aug. 4

The training for Aug. 4 is:

- ❑ **Airman's Manual**, Section 4, Fight -- During the Fight

Military Training Day: *Military Training Day has changed. The day has now been expanded to include training activities other than Airman's Manual Training for the military. The first Friday of each month will now include regularly scheduled acquisition related training. The day should also be used by all personnel to review and discuss IDP training requirements and completions with their supervisor and accomplish any Centernet mandatory training they need to complete. Military Training Day information can be found each week in the Hansconian and on the ESC Centernet Home page. Call 377-5924 with any questions.*



CE explains proper refuse disposal

by Michael Casoli
66th Civil Engineer Squadron

The efforts put forth to ensure Hanscom neighborhoods are a pleasant place to live are appreciated among its residents.

Unfortunately, inappropriate disposal of rubbish can detract from the housing areas' appearance.

Refuse disposal guidelines are provided to each new occupant in the "Family Housing Brochure."

Important highlights of the brochure are listed below:

❑ All refuse must be placed in plastic trash bags before being placed in the curbside containers.

❑ All occupants must refrain from locating refuse and recycling containers at the curbside before collection day and must remove containers at the end of collection day which is Wednesday.

Recycling is picked up on Tuesdays. All cardboard boxes should be broken down to 2'x2' and bundled up to 8" thick with string or rope.

Concerning trash pick-up, collection bins should not be put curbside until the night prior to pick up.

❑ Occupants are responsible for picking up refuse and recyclable materials



Courtesy photo

To combat eye-sores like this, occupants are asked to put trash out the same day it will be picked up. Residents can also ask for a special pick up if needed.

that have fallen out of their containers.

❑ Every effort should be made to put out refuse generated from PCS moves on bulk pick-up days which is on Mondays.

❑ Air conditioners and refrigerators must be purged and certified by a licensed technician as "refrigerant free."

❑ Hazardous materials such as oil, tires, batteries, etc., can be brought to the Hobby Shop, AAFES gas station or Civil Engineering Liquid Fuels Station on Tuesdays. They cannot go to the transfer station.

When not possible, out of cycle pick-ups may be coordinated with Civil Engineering by calling 377-1452.

Each new housing occupant also receives a copy of the "Community Standards" which outlines yard responsibilities.

It states that, "Each housing resident is responsible for an area extending 50-feet from their unit, or halfway between two adjacent units less than 100-feet apart. Residents are also responsible for the curb and gutter on the street in front of the their unit, as applicable."

Love bug bites Band

by Tech. Sgt. Scott Lewis
ESC Public Affairs

Hanscom's newest love bug is far different from the computer virus that recently swept the base.

The Band of Liberty will soon be home to eight newly married couples.

With one couple recently married and all the others being engaged, many local lives will change course.

Airman 1st Class Jeff Saunders, saxophonist for the Band of Liberty, and his wife Carol were married May 6.

"Being the older of the bunch we were the first to get married," said Airman Saunders. "While we weren't the first to be engaged, we chose to be the first couple to tie the knot."

The band's commander had noticed as each engagement was announced, but just recently put it all together that the marriages would almost all be happening in July. "I'm glad we can add these new folks to our family," said Capt. Scott Guidry, commander of the Band of Liberty. "I consider the spouses and family members all part of our band family."

The other members of the band who are engaged are:

❑ Airman 1st Class Ashley Harding and Holly Hamilton.

❑ Airman 1st Class Dustin Hatfield and Kim Northcutt.

❑ Staff Sgt. Henry Martin and Airman 1st Class Jennifer Moren.

❑ Senior Airman Neal Melley and Kerri Aleksiewicz.

❑ Senior Airman Jonathon McPherson and Mary Elizondo.

❑ Airman 1st Class Keyle Whitworth and Army Spc. Ryan Kosowsky.

Surgeon General releases first-ever oral health report, stresses 'snack smart' food

by Erin Coyne
ESC Public Affairs

June marked the first-ever Surgeon General's Report on oral health.

According to a recent release, this report stresses the meaning of oral health and explains why it's essential to general health and well being.

The information presented represents a part of "Healthy People 2000," a nation-wide plan developed for the prevention of disease and promotion of health.

The primary goal is to inform the American population about the opportu-

nities to improve oral health.

The report states that ... invisible germs called bacteria live in the mouth all of the time. Some of these bacteria form a sticky material called plaque on the surface of the teeth. When sugar from food is added, the bacteria in the plaque turns the sugar into acids. These acids are powerful enough to dissolve the hard enamel that covers the teeth and that's how cavities get started.

Because tooth decay is the single most

common chronic childhood disease — five times more common than asthma and seven times more than hay fever — the

Surgeon General encourages children to snack on healthy foods and avoid those loaded with sugar.

According to the Surgeon General's office, damaging acids form in your mouth every time you eat a sug-

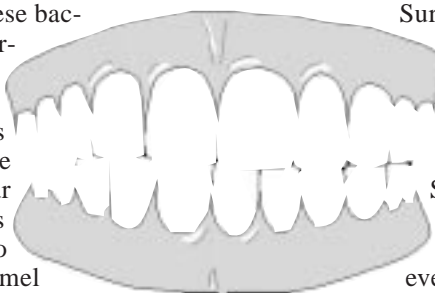
ary snack. The acids continue to affect your teeth for at least 20 minutes before they are neutralized and can't do

any more harm. Therefore, the more times you eat sugary snacks during the day, the more often you feed bacteria the fuel they need to cause tooth decay.

Some examples of "snack smart" foods include oranges, carrots, low-salt pretzels, unbuttered popcorn, low-fat yogurt and low-fat cottage cheese.

The report stresses the importance of having regular dental check-ups, choosing snacks that are low in sugar and fat, and brushing after every meal with fluoride toothpaste.

For additional information and access to the Surgeon General's report, visit www.surgeongeneral.gov.



Debt collection assistance officer program to ease TRICARE credit hassles

Washington — A new debt collection assistance officer program to help servicemembers, retirees and eligible family members with TRICARE-related debt problems was announced July 6 by the Defense Department.

An assistance officer located at each military treatment facility and TRICARE lead agent office, will be the single point of contact when a TRICARE beneficiary needs help with these kinds of problems.

"We do not want our servicemembers to have the burden of resolving individual claims," said Under Secretary of Defense for

Personnel and Readiness Bernard Rostker. "They should not have to worry about negotiations with multiple agencies to settle outstanding claims, stressful notices from bill collectors and, sometimes, adverse ratings in their credit reports."

Identification of the assistance officers, scope of their responsibility and training will begin immediately. The new program will begin within 30 days.

Incorrect billing to servicemembers for outstanding medical bills was a key issue during the first Military Family Forum May 31, at the Pentagon.

Once contacted by a TRICARE-eligible beneficiary, the debt collection assistance officer will intercede with all agencies involved to resolve any issues arising from a TRICARE claim. Agencies include military personnel offices, the MTFs, lead agents, network and non-network providers, TRICARE Management Activity, managed care contractors, and even debt collection agencies when appropriate.

The debt collection assistance officer will research the TRICARE claims history with the priority unit at the claims processor, and notify the beneficiary of

the resolution. If appropriate, written documentation will be provided for use with national credit reporting companies in removing unwarranted adverse credit information related to TRICARE claims.

Servicemembers in remote locations may contact any debt collection assistance officer who is convenient for them. These points of contact will be identified by the military Services prior to implementation of the program.

"Our beneficiaries value their medical care benefit, and they have told us on surveys that it is

a primary reason for staying in the military," said Mr. Rostker. "Our servicemembers deserve assistance and relief from unwarranted collection actions resulting from unpaid medical claims."

Seeking immediate help with questions regarding their medical bills remains the TRICARE beneficiary's best defense against credit problems, according to Rostker. This type of assistance is available at local TRICARE service centers and military treatment facilities. Beneficiaries also can call claims processors using their toll-free telephone numbers.

Summer heat complicates pet travel at height of PCS season

by Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller
Air Force Print News

Washington — It's summer — school's out, vacations are in, and for many military families, it's time to move.

But for some family members, summer heat could mean being left behind as most commercial airlines place embargoes on pet travel when temperatures go above 85 degrees.

Due to the rising outside temperatures, two out of three domestic commercial airlines contacted placed embargoes on pet travel from mid-May through mid-September, making air travel with pets all but impossible on domestic and international flights.

One commercial carrier accommodates domestic pet travel during the summer months by offering a service guaranteeing pets traveling on their commercial flights as cargo are last to be loaded and first to be unloaded. However, the cost for such service can reach up to \$500 one-way, depending on the pet's size and weight.

Kristine Swenson and her family, including their two pets, were in the middle of a permanent change-of-station move from Patrick AFB, Fla., to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, and were scheduled to catch their overseas flight from the Air Mobility Command terminal at Baltimore-Washington International Airport.

"We didn't have any trouble getting our dog and cat to BWI because we drove up from Florida," she said.

For military families traveling to overseas assignments via chartered flights pets are easily accommodated, as long as reservations are made well in advance.

"(Department of Defense) passengers traveling on permanent change of station orders may request pet spaces, in conjunction with their seat reservation, from any DOD transportation office," said Randy Saunders, chief of passenger reservations at Scott AFB, Ill., AMC headquarters. "I recommend making pet reservations as soon as possible after being notified of a PCS to have the best chance of securing a space for them."

Military families traveling to most overseas locations may bring two pets with them; however, waivers are available on a first-come, first-served basis for any additional pets.

Passengers bringing pets with them on military chartered flights are responsible for the cost of their pet's travel and are charged based on weight and destination.

"In most cases it'll cost \$85 for pets 70 pounds or under," Mr. Saunders said. "But the price doubles to about \$170 for pets between 71 and 99 pounds. We don't take pets that weigh more than 100 pounds."

Since pets are not permitted to travel on domestic military flights, and with excessive summer heat driving civil-

ian airlines to curtail pet travel, military members may wonder how it's possible to get their pets safely across the sea.

While getting pets to their appropriate port of call is the responsibility of the pet owner, Mr. Saunders said that although there are no guarantees, the airlines operating the military charter flights are their best bet because there are no heat restrictions placed on them. He estimates contract flights move about 1,000 pets per month.

"Probably 60 to 70 percent of the passengers on our Patriot Express carriers are PCS travelers," he said. "There are lots of pets moving on that flight. When you talk about commercial carriers, most of the passengers are business or vacation travelers, and they just don't move the number of pets we do. Our carriers are very experienced at moving pets in the summer."

AMC also has strict regulations on taking care of live animals.

"If there are long delays at any location, or during a stop-over, quality assurance evaluators will check on the animals to make sure they have water," said Tech. Sgt. Mitch Conley, a reservations management specialist at Scott. "Pet owners are also allowed to visit their pets to walk them or give them water if ground time exceeds two hours."

Sergeant Conley attributes the success of AMC's charter flights in handling pet travel to the fact that unlike commercial carriers, military charter flights are scheduled individually.

"We work one aircraft at a time," he said. "I believe that because the commercial airlines are running so many aircraft and have limited manning, they probably don't have the time to make sure the pets are the last thing put on the aircraft."

"We accept pets when the passenger comes in and process them for the flight. Then we tell them to bring the pet back approximately half an hour to 45 minutes prior to departure. Then we take the animal and keep it in an air conditioned spot until the last possible minute to load it on the aircraft," Sergeant Conley said.

Pets are also first to be unloaded when the aircraft reaches its scheduled destination, he added.



photo by Staff Sgt. Cynthia Miller

All pets on AMC-chartered carriers must travel in International Air Transport Association-approved, hard-shell crates and should have current health and vaccination paperwork documented prior to arriving at the airport terminal.

Although AMC and its chartered flights are experienced at handling live animals, problems often appear when passengers arrive at the terminal with their pets.

Senior Master Sgt. Keith Werner, detachment chief at Baltimore-Washington International Airport, said two of the most common problems found at the passenger terminal involve improper documentation and having the wrong kind of shipping crate.

"AMC has a rule that all pets must be in a hard-shell crate, whether they're to be shipped in the cargo bay or in the cabin," he said. "It must meet International Air Transport Association standards, and allow the pet to stand, turn around, and lie down with ease."

If a pet is to travel in the cabin, the crate must be able

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Advance planning key to reducing stress when traveling with pets

Scott AFB, Ill. — For military members making a permanent change of station move with their pets, advance planning is a key factor in reducing stress for both owners and pets.

"Start planning early," Tech. Sgt. Mitch Conley, a reservations management specialist here, advised. "As soon as you get an assignment, find out what you need to do. Don't take it for granted that your pet will be able to accompany you if you haven't made proper arrangements in advance."

Advance planning includes knowing what rules and regulations apply to shipping pets on both commercial and military aircraft.

"Rules and regulations may change on short notice," said Capt. Jennifer Ratigan, a veterinarian at Scott. "If you are moving overseas, get the latest information from the country's consulate, your sponsor in the new area, or from a local veterinarian."

All pets traveling by air need a health certificate issued by a veterinarian within 10 days of travel. However, some countries may also require a military or United States Department of Agriculture veterinarian to complete the health certificate. "It's always best to check on specific country requirements in advance," Captain Ratigan said.

In addition to health and vaccination records, some countries require an import permit — which allows owners to bring pets into a country — 30 days prior to travel.

Pet owners are cautioned to make sure all paperwork regarding their pet's travel is in order. Vaccinations must be given according to import regulations and must be properly documented. Depending

on a country's rabies status, pets may be quarantined, or confined at home or at a designated facility, for anywhere between 14 and 180 days.

Other advance travel requirements for overseas travel may include getting a microchip implant from the host area, special vaccinations, treatment for parasites, and a heartworm test.

While most pet owners are familiar with the health requirements necessary to travel by air, few realize that traveling with a pet by car within the continental United States requires a health certificate issued within 30 days prior to departure.

"For all travel, remember to carry one copy of all your pet's health documents on your person, and one copy secured inside a protective cover on the kennel," Captain Ratigan said. "Purchase a sturdy kennel and provide comfortable bedding and toys for your animal. Write your name, address, the animal's name and the final destination on the kennel."

Captain Ratigan also recommends feeding pets a light meal within six hours of travel. Provide a water dish with the crate so attendants can give them water during stopovers, and if the trip is longer than 24 hours, attach some food to the outside of the crate, she said.

According to the captain, most pets handle traveling very well; however, a few, highly excitable animals may benefit from slight tranquilization prior to travel.

"I do not routinely recommend tranquilization because it may inhibit your animal's ability to regulate its temperature," Captain Ratigan said. "It is best to discuss this with your veterinarian prior to travel."

Heat can be a killer for family pets

Although pets are a welcome addition to many families, the summer months bring a period of time when extra precautions should be taken.

Always keep your pet's kennel well ventilated and positioned near a well-shaded area where your pet can get out of the sun if he or she wishes.

Avoid overexertion by not exercising your pet excessively during the warmer months. Also, exercise your pet before peak heat hours.

Water is essential. Plenty of fresh water should be made available to your pet at all times.

Summer is also a particularly contagious time for infectious diseases. Make sure your pet is up-to-date on

his or her vaccinations.

Keep your pet well groomed during the summer months. Mats and long hair trap heat against your pet's skin, making them hot and sometimes causing skin diseases.

Fleas are also a problem in the summer. Fleas make your pet extremely uncomfortable. Ask your veterinarian for the most cost-effective and best-working flea control program.

Keep your animals out of the yard while spraying herbicides and have them stay out for at least 3 days. In addition, many of the pesticides meant to kill rodents, snails, and slugs are irresistible to dogs and cats. Unfortunately, they are also lethal.

If your pet absolutely must stay inside the car, it is vital to take the following precautions:

❑ Open your windows and all car vents as wide as possible without providing your pet with an easy escape. Or better yet, put your pet in a well-ventilated cage inside of the car and open the windows all of the way.

❑ Always park your car in a shaded area out of direct sunlight.

❑ Provide your pet with an ample supply of fresh water whenever traveling in the car.

❑ Check on your pet every ten minutes.

❑ If your pet looks anxious, doesn't obey your commands, is vomiting, has warm, dry skin, a high fever, rapid heartbeat, and is panting (especially for cats), immediately immerse the animal in cool water; you need to lower its body temperature right away. Call your veterinarian and seek immediate medical attention.



photo by Lance Beebe

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to fit under the seat. "That's big enough for a kitten or a very small dog," Saunders said. "All other pets must be shipped in the cargo hold."

In addition to having the proper shipping crate, passengers traveling with pets must have proper health certificates and proof of rabies and other shots, depending on the final destination.

"As a general rule, rabies certificates can be no older than one year, and no less than 30 days," Sergeant Werner said. Each pet must also have a certificate of health certified by a veterinarian no more than 10 days prior to

shipping.

"I recommend using your regular, local vet if at all possible," said Staff Sgt. Michael Crowley, who is en route to Ramstein AB, Germany from Tyndall AFB, Fla., with his family and their cat. "We were on leave prior to shipping, and ran into problems when the vet didn't want to certify the rabies certificate because he didn't actually give the shot."

As a rule, AMC carriers will accept only dogs and cats weighing less than 100 pounds including container weight. "We have limited space available for pets on our

flights," Sergeant Conley said. "Pets over 100 pounds take up a lot of room, and reduce the number of spaces available on a particular flight."

To save on space and cut costs for shipping, AMC will allow two pets of the same species, who are accustomed to living together, to be shipped in the same crate provided their combined weight, with the weight of the container, is no more than 70 pounds.

Contact a local traffic management office for information on traveling with pets on military chartered aircraft.

Parenting

❑ **Prepared childbirth class** will be held at the Hanscom Clinic Monday and Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. for TRICARE patients in their third trimester of pregnancy, expectant fathers and coaches.

Covers stages of labor, coaching, breathing techniques, medications for pain, cesarean birth and postpartum adjustment.

Registration is required.

Call 377-6560 to enroll.

❑ **Parenting with humor** (video) will be shown at the HAWC Wednesday at noon.

Kids on your last nerve? Wondering how you will get through the rest of the summer?

This video, taped at the Boston Parents Conference, teaches parents ways to incorporate more joy and humor into parenting on a daily basis through use of humor and choice.

Registration is not required.

❑ **The single parent group** will be held at the Child Development Center, Room 7 Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This is the monthly single parent social group.

Bring your lunch and join us for networking, support and ideas.

Call 377-4222 to register.

Fitness enhancement

❑ **Lunch and Learn** with us at the Health and Wellness Center.

Bring along a sack lunch and learn about subjects you have always wanted to know more about.

Don't have time? Remember that the center offers an array of videos, books and cassettes for you to sign out.

You can check out information on exercise, nutrition, parenting, stress management and more.

Stop by and check us out.

❑ **Why weight?** will be held at the HAWC Friday from 11 a.m. to noon.

This class will help you discover the key to effective weight management.

Topics will include the importance of aerobic and anaerobic exercise; how to effectively increase your calorie expenditure; safety and progression of exercise; committing yourself to a program; and what to do if you "fall off the wagon."

Call 377-6560 to register.

Work and life

❑ A **veteran affairs disability claims** review will be held at the Family Support Center Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A representative from AMVETS, a veterans' service organization, will assist in processing disability claims and will answer questions.

Call 377-4222 for an appointment.

❑ **Newcomers' "T" Adventure** will be held at the Family Support Center Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Newcomers are invited to a fun, informational seminar to find out what is going on at Hanscom and in Boston.

Afterward, ride into Boston with us using the "T."

All you need is an adventurous spirit and \$4 for bus and subway fares.

You can bring a lunch or purchase one

downtown.

This program is part of the community orientation for inprocessing; newly arrived service members do not have to take leave to attend.

Call 377-4222 to register.

Employment assistance

❑ **Finding and applying for federal jobs** will be held at the Family Support Center Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Learn how to find and apply for federal jobs.

Know what your options for application are and how to complete applications to give yourself the best chance of success in a job search.

Call 377-4222 to register.

❑ A **resume critique clinic** will be held at the Family Support Center Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Employment assistance specialists and group attendees will openly review resumes.

This is an opportunity to get feedback on your work experience and to learn from others.

Class size limited to six.

Bring your lunch.

Call 377-4222 to register

Education Center, Bldg. 1728, 377-2021

❑ **The Education Office testing policy** requires students to arrive on time for scheduled test sessions.

It is the student's responsibility to report on time and our responsibility to ensure the students in the room are not disturbed by interruptions.

Late arrivals will not be allowed to enter the test room. All students taking exams should arrive at least 15 minutes before test time. Doors will close at 8 a.m. for the morning session and again at 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.

All exams start at 8 a.m., individuals should arrive by 7:45 a.m.

For information or to schedule exams, call Education Services at 377-3120.

Thrift Shop, 274-8079

❑ The Minuteman Thrift Shop's normal business hours are Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for sales and consignments.

The shop will not be open for the month of July.

To schedule PCS move consignments, call 274-9922.

The Minuteman Thrift Shop is currently accepting spring-weight clothing for consignment. The shop is no longer accepting winter wear.

Civil Engineering

❑ **The base recycling program contractor** will pick up hamper bins or carts Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bins must be consolidated in one location. The building manager must call the recycling office at 377-4272. Leave the building number and location of the carts on the message.

Deadlines are Tuesdays at noon. Messages left after noon Tuesdays will be sent

to the contractor for pickup the next week.

Hanscom homeschoolers

❑ A support group is available on Hanscom for home schooling families.

The support group enables families to come together for field trips, social events and other educational opportunities.

The group also holds monthly mom's meetings.

The group's mission is to provide encouragement, information and support for those families who choose to educate their children at home.

For information contact, Mynette Eledui at 274-8608.

Air Force Sergeants Association

❑ The Air Force Sergeants' Association, with over 150,000 members, is undoubtedly the recognized "Voice of the Enlisted" on Capitol Hill.

Just recently, AFSA has worked to restore the 50 percent retirement system for those under the REDUX plan, increase pay and allowances for enlisted members, protect cost-of living adjustments and improve education and TRICARE benefits.

Even if you can't be actively involved, you should still be a member and support AFSA's goals, which is to better our pay and benefits.

Chapter 161 also promotes camaraderie and welfare of the enlisted on Hanscom through sponsoring enlisted awards and various events.

You are encouraged to come on out and join us at our monthly meetings every fourth Thursday at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Center.

For information or to join, email karl.vanbiene@hanscom.af.mil.

Patriot Enlisted Association

❑ The PEA is an open forum for technical sergeant's and below to discuss ideas and issues as peers. We foster teamwork, camaraderie for each other and the Hanscom community so we can make the difference happen. As a body of peers we can put a voice to housing, community involvement, and Quality of Life issues to the ESC command chief master sergeant.

For information contact Staff Sgt. Chris Kanski at 377-4923 or e-mail Chris.Kanski@hanscom.af.mil.

Patriot Senior NCO Association

❑ The association is a professional membership association for senior noncommissioned officers, active duty and retired.

The group actively supports the men and women of Hanscom and the surrounding communities. The Top Three also serves as a base network for problem solving and encourages comradeship.

Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month at the Enlisted Club.

For information call Master Sgt. Darryl Lindgens, 377-3459.

Company Grade Officers' Council

❑ The Company Grade Officers' Council is made up of all lieutenants and captains in the Air Force. You need not do anything to become a member - you are one by default. How much you participate in this organization is up to you.

The Hanscom CGOC is a place to meet other junior officers outside of the workplace and participate in a dynamic organization.

The CGOC tries to get involved in a wide variety of activities from community service and social gatherings to professional military development. So, if you're interested in any of this, come to one of the meetings.

For information, contact the CGOC Executive Board: 2nd Lt. Jeremy Miller, president, 377-1668; 2nd Lt. Malcolm Mangels, vice president, 377-8384; - 2nd Lt. Sarah Kreps, executive officer 377-6933; 2nd Lt. Liane Witt, assistant executive officer, 377-4704 and 2nd Lt. Kyle Oyama, treasurer, 271-1186 Ext. 8391.

Chapel, Bldg. 1603, 3-3538

❑ **Catholic Masses:** Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 7:30 and 11 a.m. and weekdays at 12:05 p.m.

❑ **Protestant worship:** general Protestant Service — Sundays at 9 a.m.; Gospel Service — Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Jewish services:** the first and third Friday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

❑ **Eastern Orthodox:** for information contact Tech. Sgt. James M. Boubonis at 274-8714.

❑ **For information** on Chapel services, call 3-3538 or 3-3539.

Chapel Events

Protestant positions available

The Base Chapel is taking applications for part-time paid positions for a Protestant Religious Education coordinator and a Protestant youth director for the 2000 to 2001 school year.

Sealed bids with resumes may be given to Chaplain (Capt.) Dennis Saucier by Monday.

Call him at 377-3538 for questions and to obtain job description and duties.

Protestant youth meetings

Protestant youth meet each Wednesday night at 5:30 to 7 p.m. for pizza and activities in the Chapel annex.

All Hanscom teens are invited to attend, contact Chaplain Ken Johnson at 377-3538 for information.

Protestant Bible study

Protestant Bible studies meet Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room for a study book of the Colossians, and Thursday night at 7 p.m. for a study on Book of 1 John.

Call Chaplain Saucier at 377-3538 for details.

Today**MPF Customer Service office closed**

The Military Personnel Flight Customer Service office will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. today for training.

If you have any questions, call 377-2277.

Monday**Award Fee Process Management training sessions**

The Acquisition Support Team will be sponsoring Award Fee Process Management training sessions Monday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the O'Neill Building Auditorium.

AWF is a tool for interactive award fee process management that improves program execution by enabling real-time evaluation feedback between the contractor and the program manager, allows automatic databasing, categorizing and scoring of comments.

AWF offers a secure environment, requiring password and user access definitions.

In addition, Contractor Performance Assessment Report comments can also be housed and maintained using AWF.

AWF could also be modified to encompass Award Term plans. Interest has been expressed in modifying this software to accommodate source selection and civilian appraisals.

If an organization is interested in these or other evaluation type applications, Anteon Corporation will work with them to understand its requirements and develop a delivery timeline.

The training sessions will be conducted by Anteon Corporation.

ESC-wide participation is encouraged.

For information, email Tyrone Frey at tyrone.frey@hanscom.af.mil.

Upcoming and Weeklies**Physical exams for children**

If you have children attending summer camp, enrolling into summer or fall sports, or attending kindergarten this fall then the 66th Medical Group has a deal for you.

This summer, the 66th Medical Group will be sponsoring four weekend physical exam schedules to help meet your children's needs.

Continuing July 29 and August 19, the Hanscom Clinic will offer physical exam appointments from 8 a.m. to noon for children four years and older.

If you are in TRICARE Prime and want to take advantage of this offer, then phone 377-7059 and push one to schedule your appointment.

Band schedule

The Air Force Band of Liberty's Summer 2000 schedule has been announced. The next five concerts are listed below.

☐ Taunton Green, Taunton, Mass., July 28 at 7 p.m.

☐ Natick Common, Natick, Mass., Aug. 1 at 6:15 p.m.

☐ City Hall Plaza, Boston, Mass., Aug. 2 at 7 p.m.

☐ North Hampton Band Stand, North Hampton, N.H., Aug. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

☐ Waterfront Park, Boston, Mass., Aug. 4 at 7 p.m.

Tax help offered

The tax section of the Retiree Activities Office remains open to assist tax payers who either filed for a delay, need to amend returns

already filed or have received letters from the IRS mandating a revision to the original return.

Assistance is by appointment only.

For information, call 3-2476.

Voting Assistance line established

A voting assistance line has been established at 377-VOTE (8683) to help potential voters get registered.

Anyone who has a question or problem can call the line and leave a message including their name and phone number. A voting counselor will call you back by the next business day.

Air War College seminar

Registration has begun for the AWC Non-resident Studies Seminar Program.

The AWC Nonresident Studies Seminar Program is an ideal way to complete senior military education.

The program is open to active duty and reserve colonels, lieutenant colonels and lieutenant colonel selects of any component of the United States Armed Forces and civilian employees GS-13 or above.

The seminar will meet for approximately 10.5 months, 2 hours per week, from August 2000 through June 2001.

There will be a seminar orientation July 31 at 1:30 p.m. in Room B of the Hanscom Education Center.

To register for the seminar, complete Maxwell AFB Form 53, located on their internet homepage at www.au.af.mil/au/awc/enrolprr.htm.

For information on the seminar, contact John Loughlin at 377-3511.

Air Command and Staff College seminar

Registration has begun for the ACSC seminar program.

The seminar program will provide eligible candidates with a forum to complete this intermediate level professional military education course.

Majors and major selectees of all service components, and GS-11s and above are eligible.

The American Council on Education recommends up to 27 hours of graduate credit.

The seminar will meet for approximately 10.5 months, three hours per week, from August through June 2001.

During the seminar orientation, seminar members will determine the day and time the group will meet.

There will be a seminar orientation at the Education Center Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. in Room G.

To register for the seminar complete Maxwell AFB Form 117, available at the Education Center service desk, 377-3120.

For information contact, John Loughlin at 377-3511.

Government-wide Purchase Card Program Training

A cardholder training class will be held Aug. 22 at 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A billing official training class will be held Aug. 23 at 8 a.m. to noon.

To reserve seats, sign-up on the Center-Net at <http://esc.hanscom.af.mil/PKO> or call 377-3085.

EC-47 Association reunion

The EC-47 Association is a group of former

crewmembers of the EC-47 aircraft, both ground crew and aircrew.

The mission of the EC-47 was at the time, classified "top secret" and consisted of airborne radio direction finding and intelligence gathering beginning in South Vietnam in mid-1966 and extending to Thailand and ending May 15, 1974.

Missions were flown over South Vietnam, portions of North Vietnam and Laos.

The EC-47 Association reunion will be held at the Best Western Oak Hills in San Antonio, Texas, September 28, 29 and 30.

For information, contact J.C. Wheeler at (501) 754-3507, or email at jc@ec47.com.

Family services seeks chairperson

Family Services is currently recruiting for the position of Loan Closet and Attic Chairperson.

This position will require approximately five hours a week of personal time.

The chairperson will be required to track paperwork and submit a monthly board report.

No previous experience is necessary, training and childcare are provided. The main qualification for this position is a sincere desire to contribute to the Hanscom community and the ability to work well with others.

This is an opportunity to meet new friends, add marketable skills to your resume and work in a caring environment while helping military families.

For information, or to arrange for an inter-

view, call Barb Fullerton at 377-3436.

Family Services seeks volunteers

Are you looking for a rewarding experience that does not require a lot of time?

Would you like to work among adults for a few hours each week, while your preschoolers enjoy a few hours of interaction with others their own age?

Then consider volunteering at Family Services.

At Family Services, you can enjoy meeting and helping many new people and your children can interact with others at a certified on base Childcare facility, or provider.

For volunteering your time, Family Services will pay for your childcare.

For information, call the Family Services volunteer coordinator at 377-3436.

Sign language volunteers

There are several hearing impaired employees at Hanscom who are in need of interpretive services.

Volunteers who are familiar with sign language are asked to help these employees at meetings, conferences and official functions.

Even a short amount of time can make a significant difference to the hearing impaired on the base. Experience with American Sign Language, signed English and finger spelling would be helpful.

For information, call Laurie Cunningham at 377-4054 or Andrew Hodyke at 377-8473.

Colonial*Theater*

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Friday 7:30 p.m. -- GONE IN 60 SECONDS - A car thief agrees to lead his gang one last time before they retire to take on the challenge of stealing 50 cars in a single night to save his brother's life from the mob. The problem is that another gang is aiming for the same heist, and the police are after them too. PG-13 (violence, sexuality and language) 119 min Starring: Nicolas Cage, Giovanni Ribisi

Saturday 7:30 p.m. -- GLADIATOR - The great Roman General Maximus has once again led the legions to victory on the battlefield. The war won, Maximus dreams of home, wanting only to return to his wife and son; however, the dying Emperor Marcus Aurelius has one more duty for the general - to assume the mantle of his power. Jealous of Maximus' favor with the emperor, the heir to the throne, Commodus, orders his execution - and that of his family. Barely escaping death, Maximus is forced into slavery and trained as a gladiator in the arena where his fame grows. R (intense, graphic combat) 150 min Starring: Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix

Sunday 1:30 p.m. -- DINOSAUR - Set 65 million years ago during the late Cretaceous Period, an Iguanodon named Aladar, is separated from his own species and raised on an island paradise by a clan of Lemurs. When a devastating meteor shower plunges their world into chaos, Aladar and several members of his family escape and join a group of dinosaurs searching for a safe new nesting ground. PG (intense images) 84 min Live Action Animation

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Schedule is subject to change without notice. Call 3-7940 for movie information.

What's Happening

Hanscom Lanes

Join us for glow in the dark bowling today or July 29 at 7 p.m. for some family fun.

Or have lunch and bowl July 26.

Cost is \$6 per person.

Open bowling special, Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is \$.75 per game.

Base pool

Coming Saturday, "Pirates of the Caribbean."

Find yourself shipwrecked at the Hanscom pool for dinner and dancing with some of the Caribbean's most notorious bandits.

Reservations are required and open to adults ages 18 and over.

Call the pool at 377-2455.

Patriot Enlisted Club

Don't forget our Wednesday night buffets from 5 to 7 p.m.

Steak night is every Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Fitness and Sports Center

Intramural tennis will begin in August.

Interested people should see their unit sports representative for more information or call the Fitness Center at 377-3636.

Help those aches and pains with a therapeutic massage available Mondays at 8 and 10 a.m. or 1 and 4 p.m.

Call for details.

Auto Hobby Shop

Get four tires balanced for the price of three from Monday to July 28.

You remove the wheels and we'll do the balancing.

Reservations required by calling 377-2612.

Patriot Golf Course

Need to work on your golf game? Then call us at 687-2396 for details.

Looking for that special gift for the golfer in your life?

Stop by the Golf Shop for a price that's right.

Don't forget to show your Preferred Plus membership card to save even more!

Mini-golf special

Every Wednesday Youth Center members pay only half price with a Youth Center ID card.

Sundays are family day, half price for the whole family. We are now open Wednesday through Saturday, from noon to 10 p.m. and Sundays, noon to 6 p.m.

Tickets, Tours Office offers base entertainment deals

by J.C. Corcoran
Services Marketing

"Tickets here, get your red hot tickets here!" No, it's not some scalper outside Fenway Park, Foxboro Stadium or a theater in Boston, but it could be.

It could also be the engraved statement over the door of one of the busiest facilities under the Services umbrella.

Welcome to the Tickets and Tours Office at Hanscom.

Located in Bldg. 1530, next door to the Base Library, the Tickets and Tours Office is where base people can find a wide variety of available adventures.

From local professional sporting events like the Red Sox, Patriots, and Celtics to some of the best "off Broadway" shows that make their stop in Boston, Tickets and Tours is a place to shop first for tickets.

If that's not what you're in to then how about a trip to New York, Montreal or even a one-day excursion to Martha's Vineyard?

Facility manager, Judie King, is the resident guru when it comes to fun and travel for Hanscom people.

"We're actually more than just a place to get sports tickets," said Ms. King. "We've expanded our contacts and services to include group trips to places like New Orleans and Arizona or to the casinos in New Jersey. We offer discount tickets to theme parks from New Hampshire to Florida or, for those who don't like to travel far, tourist areas right in Boston like the Aquarium or the Museum of Science.

"Our hottest program, which is actually worldwide, is the "Armed Forces Vacation Club," said Ms. King. "This new program allows authorized personnel to enjoy off season vacations in areas as far south as Florida, west to Colorado and even locations outside the continental United States.

"Best of all," Ms. King continued, "is that once you've locked in your desired vacation location, the weekly cost is only \$209. Now that's a deal!"

For information on upcoming trips, ticket



Judie King

sales or on the Armed Forces Vacation Club, stop by the Tickets and Tours Office or call Ms. King at 377-3262.

A listing of trips and ticket sales is also available in the monthly Services publication "Spotlights" which is available at all Services facilities.

Car Wash closed

The Car Wash is closed today to finish repainting the manual wash bay.

This is necessary to insure the walls of the manual wash bay properly dry and the new paint has time to adhere to the cinder blocks.

The Car Wash will be fully operational Saturday.

5K Fun Run/Walk

July 27

9 a.m. start

Fitness Center

Registration cost is \$3 and includes a fitness drink.

Pay \$10 and receive a T-shirt and a fitness drink.

Traveling trophy awarded to the squadron with the most participants and for the fastest five- person team.

Summer equipment rental list

Party equipment - canopies, gas grills, coolers, tables, chairs and a dunk tank

Boating - oars, paddles, life vests, rods and reels, fishing nets

Boats - canoe with trailer, 14-foot V-hull or flat bottom, 16-foot V-hull or flat bottom

Outboard motors - 10, 20 and 25 horsepower

Boat packages - include boat, motor, trailer, two life vests and two oars

Camping - backpacks, sleeping bags, camp pads, cots, cooking sets, canteens, heaters, one- or two-burner stoves, lanterns or camp lamps

Tents - four-person dome, five- or eight-person cabin, or 12x12 screen tent

Call Outdoor Recreation at 377-5316 for prices and restrictions.



Trips

Martha's Vineyard, July 22

West Point, July 26

Summer in the City

New York City, Aug. 5 and 6

Amusement Parks

Six Flags, Water Country,

Roger Williams Zoo,

Hershey Park, Sesame Place,

York's Wild Animal Kingdom and

Funtown USA

Disney tickets and museum and movie passes are also available.

Call 377-3262

Help Wanted!

Child and school-age care givers

\$9.43 an hour with benefit package

Cooks

\$8.70 to \$10.24 an hour

E.O.E.

Fax resume to 274-6048

Attention: Hal Williamson

Champagne Sunday Brunch

at the Officers' Club

July 30

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Preferred Plus! members receive a 10 percent discount.

BINGO every Wednesday night at the Patriot Enlisted Club during July.

Open to all ranks. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games start at 6:30 p.m., 18 games in all.



Are you saving 10% yet?

If you're a Preferred Plus! member don't forget to fill out an entry form for the monthly drawing. July's prize is a \$300 gift certificate to the Pheasant Lane Mall in Nashua, N.H.

Entry forms are printed in the Services' monthly newsletter, Spotlights.

For more information call Services Marketing at 377-9681.